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SUBJECT: OIL CONCESSION HOLDERS ASKED TO ACCELERATE DRILLING

REF: SAIGON'S A-240 OF NOVEMBER 20, 1974

1. IN A RECENT MEETING OF ALL OIL CONCESSION HOLDERS GENERAL MANAGER TRAN VAN KHOI OF GVN'S PETROLEUM AND MINERALS AGENCY (PMA) ANNOUNCED THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN VAN HAO HAD DECIDED THAT GVN WOULD EASE CONCESSION TERMS IF THE OIL COMPANIES WOULD ACCELERATE THEIR DRILLING PROGRAM BY AT LEAST SIX MONTHS. KHOI MENTIONED

THAT THE GVN WAS ANXIOUS FOR OIL DISCOVERIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT IF NECESSARY COULD BORROW ABROAD ON FAVORABLE TERMS. SINCE NO MENTION WAS MADE AS TO HOW THESE TERMS MIGHT BE RELAXED, PMA WILL PRESUMABLY ENTERTAIN SUGGESTIONS FROM THE CONCESSIONAIRES.

2. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ESSO, MARATHON AND UNION TEXAS DO NOT KNOW THEIR COMPANIES' REACTIONS TO THE OFFER. MOBIL DOES NOT PLAN TO ACCELERATE. UNDER TERMS OF ITS CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR BLOCK 12B, MOBIL HAD AGREED TO DRILL THERE WITHIN 18 MONTHS. Pecten's PLANS WILL DEPEND UPON GENEROSITY OF PMA'S PAR-

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TICIPATION TERMS ON ANY COMMERCIAL DISCOVERIES. SUNNINGDALE IS

CONSIDERING ACCELERATION BY BRINGING IN TWO RIGS INSTEAD OF ONE.  
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